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***Raised Bill No. 357***

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Housing

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND  
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of one million dollars is  
2      appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community  
3      Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June  
4      30, 2007, for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid for resident service  
5      coordinators, pursuant to section 8-114d of the 2006 supplement to the  
6      general statutes.

7      Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of two million dollars is  
8      appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community  
9      Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June  
10     30, 2007, for rental assistance for elderly persons, pursuant to section 8-  
11     119kk of the general statutes.

12     Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of  
13     Social Services, in collaboration with the Commissioners of Economic  
14     and Community Development and Mental Health and Addiction  
15     Services and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, shall

16 establish a program of rental assistance and support services for low  
17 income, nonelderly disabled persons in existing public or private  
18 housing.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Social  
20 Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the  
21 Commissioners of Economic and Community Development and  
22 Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Connecticut Housing  
23 Finance Authority. The memorandum of understanding shall provide  
24 that (1) the Department of Social Services provide rental assistance  
25 certificates and supportive services to low income, nonelderly disabled  
26 persons; (2) the Department of Economic and Community  
27 Development and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority provide  
28 grants, mortgage loans and tax credits to support the planning,  
29 acquisition, demolition, construction, reconstruction, alteration and  
30 repair of housing units suitable for low income nonelderly disabled  
31 persons; and (3) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
32 Services provide targeted case management and other supportive  
33 services as may be required.

34 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, to the extent possible,  
35 seek federal reimbursement for the costs of such program for any  
36 services provided that are Medicaid eligible.

37 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of two million five hundred  
38 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services,  
39 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for  
40 purposes of the program established pursuant to section 3 of this act.

41 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) For the purposes described in  
42 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
43 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
44 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
45 the aggregate one million dollars.

46 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the

47 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
48 Department of Economic and Community Development for the  
49 purpose of providing grants for security improvements to housing  
50 authorities, municipal developers and nonprofit corporations  
51 operating elderly housing projects pursuant to chapter 128 of the  
52 general statutes.

53 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
54 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
55 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
56 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
57 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
58 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
59 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
60 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
61 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
62 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
63 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
64 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
65 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
66 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
67 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
68 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
69 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
70 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
71 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
72 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
73 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
74 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
75 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
76 due.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide additional funding for rental assistance and supportive services for elderly and disabled persons.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*